

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Collected From the Telegraph Columns.

The Republicans elected 19 out of 35 aldermen in Chicago.

Admiral Dewey has announced himself as a candidate for president.

General French has given up his chase after the retreating Boers.

Boston is agitating the question of prohibition of ringing church bells.

The United States building at the Paris exposition will be closed on Sundays.

Queen Victoria landed at Dublin, Ireland, her first visit to the island in 39 years.

A temperance movement has been inaugurated in Mexico, owing to the increase of drunkenness.

Admiral Dewey's collection of curios and trophies, at his request, will be placed in the Smithsonian Institute.

Turkish tower at the Paris exposition obstructs the view of the United States building and Commissioner Peck has protested against it.

The Vanderbilts and Morgans now have plans almost perfected which will give them absolute control of the coal supply of America.

Forty-four young men of Thurston, Or., have petitioned the military board for the organization of a company of the National Guard at that place.

The mammoth auditorium in which the Democratic National convention was to have been held on July 4, was burned to the ground, entailing a loss of \$350,000.

At Logansport, Ind., 150 masked men blew up two bridges, and burned two toll houses on the Logansport and Burlington pike at midnight.

The road is the only pike in the country, and protests have been directed against high toll and the alleged bad condition of the pike.

The newly organized American Match Machine Company, a New Jersey corporation, is about to enter into competition with the Diamond Match Company, known as the match trust.

The new company does not intend to confine its attention to the trade of the United States, but will make a vigorous fight for European trade, through the sale of rights.

W. J. Bryan addressed 10,000 people at Tacoma, Wash.

Warner will be a second time the victim of an earthquake.

The Puerto Rican bill passed the senate by a vote of 40 to 31.

The public debt decreased \$6,000,000 during the month of March.

A bill was passed to throw open Idaho and Oklahoma Indian lands.

The journeyers plunders of Indianapolis have struck, demanding an increase in pay.

The legislative council of Trinidad has ratified the reciprocity treaty with the United States.

Aguinaldo is in Singapore. Singapore papers mention the fact and public short interviews with him.

The plasters of Minneapolis have been locked out, pending the settlement of their dispute as to hours.

Pearl harbor, in the Hawaiian islands, will be improved and fortified and made available for naval purposes.

Mexico's army convicts will be abolished by the new secretary of war. Volunteer service is to be encouraged.

The marine hospital service has sent an urgent request to congress for an appropriation of \$500,000 to fight plague in various seaport towns.

The casualties in the Philippine war since January 1, have been: Americans 38 killed, 162 wounded; insurgents, 1,426 killed; 1,453 captured.

Great preparations for war are going on in Russia. All messages in regard to movements of troops are censored and all officers are denied leaves of absence.

The Illinois Brick Company, of Chicago, the brick combine of that city, has filed with the secretary of state a certificate of increase of capital stock from \$10,000 to \$9,000,000.

The party of scientists under Professor A. Agassiz, who left San Francisco several months ago on an expedition to the South Seas, has returned. This scientific expedition went first to the Pomotois, exploring the northern part of those islands, a region never before examined by scientists. After refitting the vessel at Tahiti, the remainder of the Society islands, as well as the Cook, Savage and the islands of the Tonga group were explored. After refitting at Suva, the Ellice, Gilbert and Marshall islands were explored and the island of Guam was visited.

Gov. Smith, of Vermont, owns a private locomotive. It is fitted with luxurious accommodations for eight passengers.

There is a scheme to construct a direct railroad from New York to Chicago, saving 300 miles and making the distance in 16 hours.

As chairman of the board of directors of the New York Central Railroad, Chauncey Depew draws the snug salary of \$60,000 annually.

More than \$30,000,000 worth of timber was destroyed in the recent forest fires in the state of Washington.

The foreign commerce of the port of Boston last year aggregated \$190,485,000, surpassing all previous records.

It is understood that the north half of the Colville Indian reservation, in Washington, will be thrown open for settlement about May 1.

The next Vermont legislature will be asked to appropriate money for a statue of Justin S. Morrill, to be placed in the statutory hall of the capitol at Washington.

LATER NEWS.

Webster Davis addressed an immense pro-Boer audience in Washington.

The Copper Stain mine, in Josephine county, Oregon, was sold for \$9,000.

Cubans have confidence in General Gomez and entreat him not to leave the island.

The Edward T. Smith box factory at New York, was destroyed by fire; loss, \$250,000.

Ex-Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania, is wanted for vice-president on the Democratic ticket.

Boers claim to have captured 11 guns at Bloemfontein waterworks, instead of seven, as first reported.

Building tradesmen in Indianapolis have returned to work, their employers conceding to their demands.

Generals in the Philippines are calling for more troops. They cannot hold the rebels down with the present force.

The Boers have succeeded in cutting off General Brabant's two or three thousand troops from all other British forces.

The 65th anniversary of the birth of King Leopold, of Belgium, was appropriately celebrated throughout the kingdom.

The British North American and West Indies squadron is to be increased by one battleship, two cruisers and several torpedo boats.

The body of an unknown young man was found in the Willamette river near Oregon City, with his head entangled in a fish net. It is a case of deliberate suicide.

H. H. Pitcher, banker of Oakland, Cal., committed suicide by blowing his brains out. Pitcher was trustee of an estate valued at \$600,000. His trust was being investigated in court.

The United States supreme court decided the case of Grundling vs. the city of Chicago, involving the validity of the anti-cigarette ordinance of that city. The ordinance was attacked as unconstitutional. The opinion of Justice Peckham held the ordinance not to be unconstitutional.

In his address at the memorial services held in memory of the late Dr. Isaac M. Wise, at Isaiah temple, Dr. Emil G. Hirsch made an appeal to the Jewish people of Chicago to raise \$500,000, which is the amount yet required to lift the debt on the Jewish Union College in Cincinnati. By so doing, Dr. Hirsch said, the great work which was begun by Dr. Wise, and carried forward by him under difficulties, could be fully accomplished.

Emily Coghlan, the actress, died at Stamford, Conn., aged 36 years.

Half the village of Proctorville, Ohio, was destroyed by fire. Loss \$200,000.

A German scientist has invented a compound which melts iron in five seconds.

Boers in Natal are becoming active, and an engagement with Buller is anticipated.

The German flag has been raised over the Samoan islands of Upolu, Manono, Apolonia and Saru.

Captain John Codman, the famous advocate of free ships and free trade, is dead at Boston, aged 86.

The statue of Maud Adams will not be admitted to the Paris exposition because it is a personal exhibition.

At Pittsburg, Pa., a big eight-story department store was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of over a \$1,000,000.

Another brother of President Steyn, of Orange Free State, was captured at Kere Siding, and is now at Bloemfontein.

The squadron of the United States navy, recently formed in Chinese waters, is to have its headquarters at Hong Kong.

Forty people lost their lives at Austin, Texas, due to an overflow of the Colorado river. Property destroyed exceeds \$300,000.

Walter E. Groffe, the defaulting cashier of the Adams Express Company at Dayton, Ohio, who left the city October 6 last, taking with him \$3,000 of the corporation's money, has been arrested in San Francisco.

The situation in Ashantee is unchanged. A Comaasie runner reports that all the Ashantee tribes are in arms, the king of Bekwai alone remaining loyal. It is believed that the Ashantee golden stool has been found and that the rising is due to the endeavor of the governor of the colony, Sir Frederic Mitchell Hodgson, to take possession of it.

The American Plate Mirror Company was chartered at Harrisburg, Pa., with a capital of \$50,000,000. This company is composed of well-known plate-glass men, and is looked upon as the beginning of a determined move on the part of the American plate-glass men to wrest the trade in this country for plate mirrors from foreign manufacturers.

Senator Tillman, from the committee on mines and mining, reported the bill providing for the utilization of a part of the proceeds of the sales of public lands in support of schools for mining in the public land states. It provides for the appropriation of \$10,000 annually for the present in each case and the gradual increase of the amount to \$20,000.

A national congress of mothers is to be held at Des Moines, Ia., May 21-25.

The department of agriculture will plant 100,000 rubber trees in the Hawaiian islands.

At Lady Lansdowne's concert in London, Mme. Patti is said to have worn diamonds worth over \$1,000,000; insurance, \$50,000.

Tragedy on a California Farm. St. Helena, Cal., April 9.—W. H. Alexander, a farmer, shot and killed his wife today and then took his own life by cutting his throat with a razor.

In Beckham's Favor. Frankfort, Ky., April 9.—The court of appeals today handed down a decision in the governorship case in favor of the Democrats. The opinion is by six judges, four Democrats and two Republicans. One Republican dissented. The opinion holds that the action of the legislature in seating Beckham was final, and that the courts have no power to review it; that Taylor exceeded his authority in adjourning the legislature to London, and that the journals of the two houses of the legislature, being irregular, can be impeached.

BOERS CAPTURE BRITISH

Roberts Loses Five Companies of Infantry.

SURROUNDED BY LARGE FORCE

General Villabois Mareuil, a Frenchman in the Boer Army, Killed in a Fight With Methuen's Forces.

London, April 9.—Lord Roberts reports that five companies of British troops have been captured by Boers near Bethanie. The following is his text of his dispatch to the war office, announcing the capture:

"Bloemfontein, April 9.—Another unfortunate occurrence has occurred, resulting, I fear, in the capture of a party of infantry, consisting of three companies of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and two companies of the Ninth regiment of mounted infantry, near Reddersburg, a little eastward of the Bethanie railway station, within a few miles of this place. They were surrounded by a strong force of the enemy, with four or five guns.

"The detachment held out from noon of April 3 until April 4, at 9 P. M., and then, apparently surrendered, for it is reported that the firing ceased at that time. Immediately after I heard the news, during the afternoon of April 3, I ordered Gatacre to proceed from Springfontein, his present headquarters, to Reddersburg with all possible speed, to disengage the detachment and hence to Bethanie. He arrived at Reddersburg at 10:30 A. M., without opposition, but could get no news of the missing detachment. There can be no doubt that the whole party has been made prisoners.

"The lost companies are probably a part of the force guarding the railroad at Bethanie, 30 miles south of Bloemfontein. The Boers are evidently operating in a force near the railroad, and there is a possibility of the lines being interrupted for a brief period at any time. As the captured British soldiers were in a position to defend themselves for nearly 24 hours and were then forced to surrender, the fighting must have been severe.

"The Boers were in force yesterday five miles from Springfontein, situated 60 miles up from Bloemfontein. They had a brush with British patrols.

Gen. Villabois Mareuil Killed. London, April 9.—The war office received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 9:

"Methuen telegraphs from Boshof, in the Orange Free State, a little northeast of Kimberley, as follows:

"Surrounded General Villabois Mareuil and his body of Boers today, and they could not escape. Villabois and seven Boers were killed, eight Boers and 50 were prisoners.

WORK OF REVOLUTIONISERS. American Consul Strung Up by the Thumbs in Peru.

Chicago, April 9.—A special to the Record from Washington says: Edward J. Connelley, American consul in Peru, is being held by the Peruvian revolutionists, and it is reported that he had caused the greatest wonder throughout the world, and even to the Boers themselves.

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SANNAS POST AMBUSCADE.

Boers Captured Valuable Papers and Plans from the British.

Brandford, Orange Free State, April 9.—Bothers who are returning from the scene of the Sannas Post ambushade (also referred to as Karro and Korn Spruit) furnish interesting details of the occurrence. It appears that when the first retreating British wagon entered the drifts, the Boers, who were in full uniform, removed the officers and led the cart through. The process was repeated several times, until the wagons arrived in a bunch, when the ruse was discovered and a disorderly fight followed. In one cart were two officers, to whom Commandant Dewet shouted "Hands up." One of them obeyed, whereupon the other shot his comrade dead, refused to surrender, and was immediately shot. The burghers lost three men killed and 110 wounded, including a field cornet. Among the British, Major Methuen, who was in the chest, who received a bullet in the neck. Altogether the Boers captured 889 prisoners throughout the day.

The significance of the battle must not be underrated. It was fought by a force of Boers against a flat plain, and without shelter. The Free States are now desirous of marching on Bloemfontein, and the Transvaal officers are anxious to emulate the successes of their late allies. All the Southern Boer forces have now formed junctions with the main Boer army, and a large force of veterans. The burghers, who were previously short of food, now have plenty. Commandant Dewet sent the British guns, wagons and prisoners to Winburg.

Perhaps of greater importance than the victory is the capture of British secret papers, including maps and plans of 1897, 1898 and 1899, outlining elaborate schemes for the invasion of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, and giving a plan for reaching Johannesburg from Mafeking along Dr. Jamieson's route, amended so as to avoid mistakes. Another gives the plan for a march from Bloemfontein to Koonstads. Advice from Vientersberg, Priekels and Kenhardt show the colony is full of rebels. The Kenhardt rebels are marching on Calvinia, and others are on their way to Fourteen Streams.

A dispatch box was found at Sannas Post containing oaths signed by Free States. The signers have been sent for in order that the general may explain the invalidity of oaths under compulsion.

APPEAL TO THE POWERS.

President Steyn's Speech to the Free State Legislature.

Pretoria, April 9.—In his speech at the opening of the Free State Parliament, President Steyn declared that, in spite of the surrender of Bloemfontein, he had not lost the hope of the triumph of the republican cause. The war, he said, was fought upon the Transvaal, and the Boers were the victors.

Free State to throw in its lot with the rest of the republic, in accordance with the terms of the treaty. The war, he continued, was begun with the object of maintaining the independence secured by the blood of the forefathers of the nation, and had been so successful that it had caused the greatest wonder throughout the world, and even to the Boers themselves.

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